

**Addictive & Mental Disorders Division (AMDD)**  
**Montana's Action Plan for Co-Occurring Disorders**  
**Status Report for October – November 2007**

**Co-Occurring Policy Team**

- The next Policy Team meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

**Training/Presentations**

- October NAMI Conference – Deb Sanchez
- Children's Mental Health Services In-service – Deb Sanchez & Joanie Cassidy

**COST (Co-Occurring Strategic Team)**

- The final Annual report recommendations have been submitted to Ken Minkoff and Chris Cline for review. The final report will be distributed to the Policy Team, Change Agents and Interested Parties.
- The team reviewed and updated the Policy Team membership list, Montana Co-Occurring Plan and Work Group Membership list.
- The final Scope of Practice Guidelines have been reviewed and finalized.
- The next step for the COD Endorsement Guidelines will be for a work group to outline the implementation process.
- The Cultural Competency announced the winners of the art contest. The winners include:
  - Colleen Kammerer – First Place
  - Suzanne Hopkins – Second Place
  - Tara Weller – Third Place

**Change Agent/Active Work Group Reports:**

**CHANGE AGENTS:**

The next Change Agent meeting is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**DATA WORK GROUP:**

- The work group under the leadership of Eric Higginbotham and Ken Taylor continue to facilitate monthly meetings. The **November 2007 Process Statement** reads:

The Data workgroup is trying to determine if hospital data is being reported in the quarterly data reports presented to the Change Agents. We are looking into the inpatient hospital screening process for co-occurring disorders and how screening information is transferred when the client moves from inpatient to outpatient services. In addition other minor issues with the current data are being addressed. The workgroup plans to continue to produce the quarterly data report but at same time start planning on how to track follow up, referrals or assessment, to the cod screening.

**MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS WORK GROUP:**

The work group will resubmit the survey to Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Providers to complete. The initial request for information did not return the expected number of responses. The survey will provide recommendations to the Policy Team and COST.